



Transportation Investment Act 2010 (TIA):
Report to General Assembly
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TO: General Assembly Members

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Subject: Report to General Assembly on Transportation Investment Act of 2010

Per Code Section 48-8-243 (a), the Director of Planning is tasked with providing the General Assembly with certain information regarding the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (aka HB 277). Specifically, the Director shall deliver a report detailing the criteria approved by each roundtable across the state. We have posted the transcript of the initial meetings, the adopted criteria, and the membership of the roundtable and executive committee on our website. (See www.it3.ga.gov)

The first round of Regional Roundtable meetings recently occurred in December and January. The meetings were well attended and we accomplished the two main goals of each meeting:

1. Election of an Executive Committee; and
2. Adoption of Criteria

The next step in the process is the development of a financially unconstrained project list. I plan to provide an unconstrained list to the Executive Committee of each roundtable by June 1, 2011. That will allow the Executive Committee time this summer to constrain the list financially, based on the projected revenues. The bill requires the Executive Committee, in collaboration with the Director of Planning, to complete a financially constrained list by August 15, 2011. The full roundtable will have until October 15, 2011 to approve or amend the list.

In order to assist in the development of the unconstrained list, I have recently requested local governments to provide a list of projects that meet the adopted criteria. We have heard very positive feedback from the local governments, who appreciate providing input into this process. Our website gives instructions for project submittal.

While the bill does not specifically call out submission of projects from the General Assembly, we encourage each of you to work with your local jurisdiction as they submit projects. As always, feel free to contact me and provide input.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 404-631-1021.

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